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Residential Design Exam
Las Vegas & Reno

Executive Director Spaulding Honored for Dedicated Service



With a mixture of gratitude and sadness, board members, staff, past board members, and many others in the design and construction industry said goodbye to Executive Director Gina Spaulding at a reception held in her honor on June 8, 2016. Spaulding retired from the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) after twenty-eight years of service.

Spaulding believed in the importance and implementation of NSBAIDRD's mission of protecting the public and was committed to that vision. Her dedication was evident through her continuous involvement in the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ), where she was a strong advocate in protection of the health, safety, and welfare of Nevada's public.

During her tenure as executive director, Spaulding was always willing to go above and beyond. Among many other accomplishments, her drive to ensure that NSBAIDRD's registrants practiced to the highest level of care led her to be a key player in the implementation of NSBAIDRD's Continuing Education Regulation in 2010. In 2013 she initiated the annual NSBAIDRD and AIA Continuing Education Seminar in order to aid Nevada's registrants in receiving quality continuing education at a minimal cost. Through Spaulding's engaged leadership, the program is and will continue to be a tremendous success while serving the needs of the registrants and furthering public protection.

Reflecting on Spaulding's departure, NSBAIDRD's Greg Erny said "Gina

August 17, 2016

Board Meeting
Las Vegas

September 15, 2016

RID NV
Supplemental Exam
Las Vegas

October 26, 2016

Board Meeting
Las Vegas

November 11-12, 2016

CIDQ Annual Meeting
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

December 1, 2016

NSBAIDRD/AIA
CE Seminar
Las Vegas

Moving? Change in Employment?

Did you know that you have 30 days to notify the board of a change of address or place of employment per NRS 623.720? Conveniently download a [change of address form](#), or [click here to email](#) the following information to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration Number, if Applicable
- Prior Address and Phone Number
- New Address and Phone Number
- Email Address
- Effective Date of Change
- Type of Change
Business or Home?

Board Members

George F. Garlock
Chairman

Spaulding has been tireless in her dedication to the NSBAIDRD, the citizens of Nevada, and the architects, interior designers, and residential designers registered in our state. We are all so very fortunate to have benefited from the selfless efforts that she provided us all during the fourteen years she served as executive director of our board, efforts that we will still be benefiting from for years to come. We all wish her prosperity and good fortune in the new adventures she will be embarking upon in her life."

Executive Director Spaulding received two outstanding accolades at the ceremony held in her honor. The board first presented her with A *Proclamation by the Governor* proclaiming June 8, 2016 as a day in honor of Gina Spaulding in gratitude and appreciation of her many years of devoted and honorable service to the State of Nevada. As further acknowledgment of their heartfelt admiration and respect for her devotion to NSBAIDRD, the board formally dedicated its conference room to her as "The Gina Spaulding Boardroom."

On departing, Spaulding said, "It has been my greatest honor to serve the state of Nevada, the public, and the Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design for the past twenty-eight years. One of the greatest feelings of accomplishment I will take away with me is the feeling of community that the board has worked tirelessly to foster during my tenure. Registrants, board members, and staff have all become like family, and it is bittersweet to leave the board family after so much of my life has been devoted to it. But, new adventures await me, and while I am more than ready for the next chapter, I will always cherish my time with the best board and staff in the country. Happy trails, and thanks for all the wonderful memories!"

Gregory L. Erny Elected as NCARB First Vice President/President-elect

NSBAIDRD board members were delighted to see Gregory L. Erny, AIA, NCARB voted in as first vice president/president-elect of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) at NCARB's Annual Business Meeting in Seattle this June. Erny will be inaugurated as NCARB president in July 2017 by virtue of his election.

Erny has served in several positions on the NCARB Board of Directors, including terms as second vice president, secretary, and regional director of NCARB's Western Conference (Region 6, which includes Nevada). Since 1998 he has generously volunteered his time and expertise to many NCARB initiatives and committees including the Professional Conduct,



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Procedures and Documents, Professional Development, and several committees related to the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).

Appointed to NSBAIDRD in 1996, Erny has served in various leadership roles throughout his many years of dedicated service to the board. He is also an active member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), having served as president of AIA Northern Nevada and AIA Nevada, currently serving on the AIA Northern Nevada Scholarship Committee.

Dedicated to his community, Erny is chairman of Reno's Bailey Charter School, sits on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America Nevada Area Council, and previously served on the City of Reno Historical Resources Commission for many years.

Erny, who earned a Bachelor of Environmental Design and a Bachelor of Architecture from Ball State University, is licensed to practice architecture in Nevada and California. He resides in Reno, Nevada where he has practiced at his own firm, Architects + LLC, for over thirty years.

"No stone is left unturned in searching for fresh avenues to improve our programs for licensure candidates, practitioners, and Member Boards," Erny said. "With guidance from our Member Boards, I look forward to strengthening the public's perception of our profession and helping our organization reach architects in new and inspiring ways."

Wanted: Enforcement Advisory Committee Members



As a registrant of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) you have achieved a certain social status and degree of trust from the public. Unfortunately, there may be a time when you find yourself in conflict with a client or peer and a complaint is filed against you. Any complaint that the board receives is treated seriously and is fully investigated. Sometimes cases involve technical aspects that require assistance from our registrants.

NSBAIDRD is compiling a pool of design professionals and public members from all disciplines including those with knowledge in engineering, fire protection, construction management, specialized equipment (food services design, medical design etc.), and public works for its Enforcement Advisory Committee (EAC). The primary duties of an EAC Member are to review and evaluate evidence and make recommendations to staff to assist in the disposition of a case.

Before being assigned to a case, EAC members will be asked a few questions to determine if their area of expertise fits with circumstances of the case and to make sure there is no conflict of interest.



Being an EAC member is a tremendous responsibility and carries with it the satisfaction of helping the board protect the public. If you are interested in becoming an EAC member please email Chief Investigator Laura Bach at lbach@nsbaidrd.nv.gov no later than August 15, 2016. Not everyone who expresses an interest will be chosen, however, we encourage all who are interested to apply.

State Public Works Division Accepts Electronic Seals & Signatures



The Nevada State Public Works Division (SPWD) now accepts electronic seals and signatures! You may contact SPWD Building Official Angela Garcia at (775) 684-4141 for further information.

Please remember that electronic seals and signatures carry the same weight as hand-stamping, signing, and dating plans. Using an electronic seal and signature is an option for you, not a requirement. Please visit NSBAIDRD's website for specifics on [sealing and signing documents](#) and [electronic stamping regulations](#).

Revision of Letter Sent to Residential Designers

The board office recently sent out a letter to all residential designers concerning their scope of work. The office received several phone calls and emails from registrants seeking clarification of the letter.



The board met and discussed the comments received in order to resolve the concerns expressed. Please view the revised version of the letter by [clicking here](#) or visiting the *Publications and Notices* section of our [website](#).

Please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300 if you have further questions concerning the letter.

Intern Development Program Renamed & Revamped



On June 29 NCARB renamed its Intern Development Program. The launch of the new name, the **Architectural Experience Program (AXP)**, represented the conclusion of NCARB's five-year effort to streamline and overhaul the IDP.

Along with the name change came the overhaul of the program's previous seventeen reporting categories being realigned into six experience areas that more accurately reflect the general areas of practice found in NCARB's *2012 Practice Analysis*. The six new areas also correspond to the new ARE 5.0 divisions, making the path to licensure easier to navigate.

NCARB has prepared an [Experience Are Map](#) to show how the retired seventeen reporting categories have been merged into the six new experience areas. Visit NCARB's website to view [the map](#).

Other important changes made to the AXP, formerly known as IDP, over the last five years include:

- Eligibility to start an NCARB record upon high school graduation
- Elimination of the "minimum duration requirement" for experience gained at a firm
- Establishment of credit for work on construction sites
- Establishment of credit for paid academic internships
- Establishment of credit hours older than six months but less than five years for 50% credit
- Decrease of total required hours to 3,740 through elimination of elective hours
- Addition of the AXP e-Portfolio as an alternative to completing the experience requirement, designed solely for professionals who put licensure on hold due to career, personal, or economic decisions - available only to those who can document two years of experience that is older than five years

For more information on the transition to the new AXP, please visit [NCARB's website](#).



ARE 5.0 to be Released November 1

NCARB will release the latest version of the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE) on November 1, 2016. The six division exam will include case studies that simulate real-world practice, incorporate new testing technologies, and have a structure that is more parallel to modern practice than previous versions were.

Upon release of the exam, candidates will be able to self-transition their eligibilities to ARE 5.0 and make an appointment to take one of the 5.0 exam divisions.

If you are currently testing in ARE 4.0, NSBAIDRD urges you to put time and consideration into forming a testing plan/transition strategy that best suits your needs. [NCARB's website](#) has a wealth of information to assist you in your decision, including an [interactive transition calculator](#) and an in-depth [blog series](#).

For more information about ARE 5.0 you may read the [article](#) published in a previous issue of this newsletter or visit [NCARB's website](#). Please don't hesitate to contact the board office at (702) 486-7300 if you have further questions.

Give Back to Your Profession Become an AXP Supervisor or Mentor



In an effort to support the next generation of architects, NSBAIDRD is asking its architectural registrants to consider becoming an Architectural Experience Program (AXP), formerly known as Intern Development Program (IDP), supervisor or mentor. Serving in either of these positions will allow you to play a vital role in the future of the profession of architecture.

For more information about becoming an AXP supervisor or mentor, visit the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) [website](#). You may also contact one of Nevada's appointed architect licensing advisors Daniel Chenin, AIA, NCARB at daniel@djcltd.com or Glenn NP Nowak, associate professor, graduate coordinator of UNLV School of Architecture at glenn.nowak@unlv with any questions concerning supervising or mentoring.

Today's interns need you so that they may become tomorrow's competent architects! Please give back to your profession.

New Registrants by Examination Congratulated

The board extended congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the June, 08 2016 board meeting held in Las Vegas.

Architects:

7459	Ryan Allord (Las Vegas, NV)
7460	Adrianna Benjamin (Reno, NV)
7461	Hope Friedman (Las Vegas, NV)
7462	Ibrahim Kako (Las Vegas, NV)
7463	Jon Jones (Las Vegas, NV)
7464	Renee Smith (Las Vegas, NV)
7465	Melissa Szpik-Serrao (Sacramento, CA)
7466	Ludwing Vaca (Las Vegas, NV)
7469	Jina Marie Zavala (Las Vegas, NV)

Registered Interior Designers:

229-ID	Emily A. Marshall (Memphis, TN)
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Pictured from left to right are Nevada's newly registered professionals: Ludwig Vaca, Renee Smith, Emily Marshall, Ryan Allord, Ibrahim Kako, Hope Friedman, Melissa Szpik-Serrao, Jon Jones, Adrianna Benjamin, and Jina Marie Zavala.



Registration is Open! Reno – December 1, 2016

This is the fourth year that AIA Nevada and NSBAIDRD will be hosting its annual continuing education seminar for NSBAIDRD registrants. The seminar is open to all three of NSBAIDRD's design professionals allowing them to meet Nevada's annual continuing education requirement of eight health, safety, and welfare (HSW) continuing education units (CEUs) in one day.

The second and final presentation of the 2016 seminar will be held on Thursday, December 1 in Reno at the Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino. Registration is now open! [Click here](#) for more information and a link to registration.



Below is a list of a few of the many free or low-cost providers of continuing education. Keep in mind that all continuing education units (CEUs) must be related to health, safety, and welfare (HSW). Visit the [continuing education section of our website](#) to find out more about Nevada's continuing education requirements and to see more continuing education course offerings.

Attend a Class:

2016 NSBAIDRD/AIA Nevada Continuing Education Seminar

The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design, & Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) in partnership with the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) offers this full day of continuing education for all architects, interior designers, and residential designers in Nevada.

Date:	Thursday, December 1, 2016
Provider:	NSBAIDRD/AIA Nevada
Units:	8 Structured HSW CEUs
Location:	Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino Reno, NV
Cost:	\$30

Registration is now open! [Click here](#) for more information and a link to registration.

Online Courses with NCARB:

Program: Monographs
Location: Online at [NCARB](#)
CEU Credit: Hours vary from 8 - 20 by course
Cost: Free to NCARB record holders; \$100 -\$275 for others

Program: Mini-monographs
Location: Online at [NCARB](#)
CEU Credit: Hours vary from 1 - 1.5 by course
Cost: Free to NCARB record holders; \$35 for others

Browse the Following Sites for Courses:

[AEC Daily](#)

[The Architect's Resource](#)

[McGraw-Hill Construction Continuing Education Center](#)

[Red Vector](#)

Note: All Nevada continuing education units (CEUs) must be related to health, safety, and welfare (HSW). Courses approved for Learning Units (LUs) ONLY do not meet Nevada's CEU requirements.

Disciplinary Actions

(March 3, 2016 through June 8, 2016)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC).

There were four cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, 7 cases were closed because there was no basis for the allegations or the complaint did not fall within the board's jurisdiction.

The following cases were closed by means of settlement agreement. As part of the agreement, respondents agreed to assure compliance with Chapter 623. Should the respondent be involved in a subsequent case and found to have again violated NRS or NAC, the case may be used as an aggravating factor.

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based on this information, you should contact the NSBAIDRD.

Negligence, Working Outside of the Scope of Registration, and Making False Statements: NRS 623.270.1 (c), NRS 623.360.1 (c), and Rules of Conduct 1.1, 1.3, 2.3, and 5.5

Case Number 16-016R

The allegations against **Michael Peterson** were that he worked outside the scope of his residential designer's registration, was

negligent, did not act with reasonable care, utilized unqualified consultants, and made false statements. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 plus investigative costs of \$2,500.

Holding Oneself Out, Advertising, and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1 (a)(b)(c)

Case Number 16-019N

The allegations against ***Megan McFarland, Dean Singer, and Design 360 Unlimited*** were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada without having certificates of registration issued by the board and without having a proper disclosure naming the architect of record. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case Number 16-020N

The allegations against ***Hasnaat Bukhari and Bukhari Design Studio*** were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada without having certificates of registration issued by the board and without having a proper disclosure naming the architect of record. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$6,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case Number 16-025N

The allegations against ***Kristy Moore Angyal and Kip A. Moore & Associates, P. A.*** were that they engaged in the practice of architecture for a project located in Nevada without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$2,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,000.

Board Finds Non-Registrants in Violation of Law

The following case was presented in the last issue of Focus, (Volume 25, Issue 1). It incorrectly read that Ronald B. Chalmers had never been registered with the board as an architect, interior designer, or residential designer. Mr. Chalmers was a Nevada registered interior designer from 1997 to 1998. He was never licensed as an architect or residential designer in Nevada. The information below has been edited to correctly reflect the case.

Case No. 16-001N

The respondent, ***Ronald B. Chalmers***, was alleged to have violated NRS 623.360.1(a) and (b) by holding himself out as being qualified to practice architecture and advertising himself as an architect without having a certificate of registration issued by the board; NAC 623.740 by using a firm name that was not properly and validly approved by the board; and NAC 623.310(5) by using the term “principal” on his

business card without holding a valid registration as an architect or interior designer.

The board unanimously found Mr. Chalmers to be in violation of NRS 623.360.1(a) and (b), NAC 623.740, and NAC 623.310(5). The board levied the maximum civil administrative penalty of \$30,000 for the three causes of action and ordered the respondent to pay all fees and costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of the matter, totaling \$3,165.29. The board also ordered Mr. Chalmers to cease all advertising indicating the he is qualified to practice architecture, residential design, or interior design.

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